

BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Chairman McMullen called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members responded to roll call: Ivan Klein, Myron Kouba, Sherry Morrow, Dennis Reiter and William McMullen. Absent: Timothy Higgins and Ronald Loeffelholz. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. Public notice of this meeting was published/posted in the Kearney Hub, on the Buffalo County web site, and the bulletin boards located outside the County Clerk’s office and County Board Room on November 5, 2020. Chairman McMullen announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted at the back of the Board Room. Deputy County Clerk Heather Christensen took all proceedings hereinafter shown.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to approve the October 27, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Reiter to ratify the following November 6, 2020 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Reiter, Klein, Kouba, and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			260,670.95
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,037.63
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	43,779.02
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	113,861.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	5,075.07
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	87,511.97
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	102.67
KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN	E	GARNISH	402.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	940.86
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	276.48
MASSMUTUAL	I	DEFERRED COMP	1,175.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,330.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	1,200.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	3,169.00
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	14,447.47
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	841.91
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			56,782.46
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	907.19
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	8,859.75
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,815.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	677.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	16,825.14
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	161.40
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	107.68
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	342.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	992.44
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	2,524.86
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	219.30
<u>WEED DEPARTMENT</u>			
NET PAYROLL			4,804.76
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	758.07
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	248.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	33.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,548.53
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.34
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	45.72
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	241.93

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to accept the Clerk of District Court October 2020 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Kouba, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Reiter and seconded by Morrow to accept the September 2020 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Reiter, Morrow, Klein, Kouba and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Zoning Administrator, Dennise Daniels was present for the discussion and reappointment of members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Moved by Morrow and seconded by Reiter to reappoint Marc Vacek, Randy Vest and Loye Wolfe to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Reiter, Klein, Kouba and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen reviewed the following correspondence. Marvin A. Kohout a Saline County Commissioner and NACO Board Southeast District Representative announced his candidacy for the Secretary-Treasurer position on the NACO Board of Directors. J.R. Houser a Frontier County Commissioner and NACO Board West Central District Representative announced his candidacy for the 2nd Vice –President on the NACO Board of Directors. Voting will be held December 10, 2020 at the NACO Annual Conference Business Meeting. Chairman McMullen called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Election Commissioner Lisa Poff presented her report of the recent election process results.

ZONING

Zoning Administrator Dennise Daniels was present for the following Zoning agenda item.

Chairman McMullen opened the discussion of Highway Superintendent’s Report on compliance standards for proposed plat at “The Greens at Prairie Hills First”. Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to accept the Road Report, as submitted by John Maul Buffalo County Highway Superintendent, regarding the compliance of standards of the proposed preliminary plat, “The Greens at Prairie Hills First”. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

The Board took a short break at 9:15 A.M.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Reiter to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:17 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Reiter, Higgins, Kouba, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman McMullen called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton, County Treasurer Jean Sidwell and Deputy County Assessor Nora Borer were present.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Morrow to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4714 through 4717 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Morrow, Kouba, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for CHI-Health Good Samaritan on a 2019 Ford E-350. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Church of the Nazarene Kearney on a 2006 Ford Econoline Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Kouba, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Kouba and seconded by Morrow to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Christian Student Fellowship for a 1998 United Enclosed Trailer, a 2005 Chevy Venture LS and a 1998 Ford E350 Wagon. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Kouba, Morrow, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society for a 2015 Ford Fusion, three 2012 Chevy Malibu’s, two 2010 Ford Fusions, two 2012 Ford Fusions and two 2014 Ford Fusions. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen recused himself from the discussion and turned the following agenda item over to Vice Chairman Klein. Special Deputy Buffalo County Attorney, Melodie Bellamy was present via Zoom for the discussion and decision to confess judgement on TERC appeal 18R020. Nancy Freburg was present. Moved by Morrow and seconded by Kouba that the Buffalo County Board of Equalization confess judgment in Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) Case #18R020 an appeal concerning Nancy S.

Freburg, Appellant, and Buffalo County, Appellee, for property identified as tax parcel # 560621000 and that Melodie T. Bellamy, Special Deputy County Attorney, is authorized to confess judgment on behalf of this Board that for tax year 2018 this property had an assessed valuation of \$125,000. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Kouba, Klein, and Reiter. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Recusal: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Kouba to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:27 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Higgins and Loeffelholz. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen called for Citizen’s forum and no one addressed the Board.

Chairman McMullen asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:28 A.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

ATTEST:

William McMullen, Chairman
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

Heather Christensen
Deputy Buffalo County Clerk

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